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SOCIAL SERVICES

FOR

FAMILIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS;

WITH

A COLLECTION OF HYMNS

FOR SOCIAL AND PRIVATE USE.

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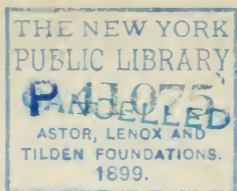
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## NOTE.

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The use of religious services, in which children are permitted to bear a part, has for some time obtained in many of our Sunday schools. The compiler of the following Manual is convinced that children may be interested, not only in the Sunday school, but in the family circle, when it surrounds the family altar, by services of this character ; and, under this conviction, the Manual was prepared. Conciseness, variety, and the filial expression of devotional sentiment have been studied, in both the Family and Sunday School Services ; and, it is hoped, not without success. The directions, printed in italics, will sufficiently explain the manner in which the services are to be performed.

The Hymns for Social and Private use, will easily recommend themselves, in respect of their piety, their poetry, and the appropriateness of their subjects, to the lovers of sacred song.



# FIRST MORNING SERVICE

FOR A FAMILY.

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*The following Anthem, is to be said by the Head of the Family, or Reader, in alternate verses with the other Members of the Family.*

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, our God, and the God of our fathers, who turnest the shadows of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth ;

Who scatterest the darkness by this return of light, and hast commanded night to give place to day ;

Who hast delivered us from the terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness ;

Who makest the out-goings of the morning and of the evening to praise thee ;

For that we laid down and slept, and rose up again, because thou, O Lord, didst make us to dwell in safety ;

For that we awaked, and beheld, and our sleep was sweet unto us.

Blot out, we pray thee, as a cloud, our transgressions, and as the thickness of the morning cloud, our sins.

Grant us to walk as children of the light and of the day.

O let us hear thy loving kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is our trust.

Show thou us the way that we should walk in, for we lift up our souls unto thee.

Now unto the king eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God ;

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Here may be read a Portion of Scripture.*

*Then shall the Person who conducts the Service say ;*

The Lord be with you ;

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Reader.* Let us pray.

*Then shall he read either of the following Prayers, or make a Prayer extempore.*

O GOD, whose light again shines upon us, we desire to unite with thy whole family in heaven and earth, to offer up to thee, the eternal Fountain of light, our morning adora-



tion, and pay our tribute of gratitude and praise to thee, our Preserver. O shine into our hearts with the light of truth, and disperse the shades of error, and prejudice, and sin. Inspire us with the hopes and comforts of true religion, and implant within us thy likeness, the image of our Creator, in righteousness and true holiness. Give us clear and consoling views of thy Providence, which so mercifully regards us, and our minutest concerns. Warm our hearts with love to thee ; with the love of goodness, of purity, and of all thy moral perfections ; that by these our faith and trust in thee may be increased and strengthened, and that we may rejoice that all the different dispensations of our lives are in thy hand, the hand of our heavenly Father.

Enlighten our minds, O God, with bright views of immortality. Encourage us in the faithful discharge of our duties. Guide us by thy counsel ; support us in our journey by thy strength ; hold us up by thy promises. Animate us with the patience and perseverance of our blessed Lord and master, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despised the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. In his name we offer our prayers, and in his words conclude them.

*Or this.*

O LORD our God, who hast brought us out from the shades of night to see another day, assist and accept our morning devotions which we offer up to thee, who both by night and by day art our Guardian and Deliverer. We thank thee that thou hast preserved us from the dangers of the past night, and we pray thee to continue thy goodness to us through the present day, and preserve us from all perils both of body and soul. We thank thee for all the time thou hast given us. Make us each day to remember that every day is thy gift, to be used in thy service, and in doing the work of our salvation. Let the Sun of Righteousness arise upon our souls with healing in his wings. Make us children of the light and of the day, and show us the way wherein we should walk. Quicken our dulness in thy service. Release our hearts from the bondage of sin and the fetters of temptation, and so assist us in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, that when the few days of this our mortal life are ended, we may inherit that endless life which thou hast prepared for all who love and fear thee.

The blessings, which we ask for ourselves, we ask for our dear friends, for our enemies, if we have them, and for the whole world of mankind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*Then shall the whole Family together say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

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## SECOND MORNING SERVICE

FOR A FAMILY.

*The following Sentences are to be said alternately, as in the First Service, by the Reader and the Family.*

THE Lord hath brought us safe to the beginning of this day; let us give him thanks for this his goodness, and for all his mercies and loving kindnesses to us and to all men.

Every day will we give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

Let all those who put their trust in thee rejoice; they shall ever be giving of thanks,

because thou defendest them ; they who love thy name shall be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto thy people ; and with thy favorable kindness wilt thou defend them as with a shield.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God ;

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Here may be read a Portion of Scripture.*

*Then shall the person who conducts the Service, say ;*

LET us now pray to God, that we may live in his fear, and in love and charity with our neighbors ; that his holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts, teaching us what to do and what to avoid ; that his grace may ever be with us, to support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations ; that the Lord may bless all our honest endeavors, and make us content with what his providence shall order for us ; and that we may continue his faithful servants this day, and all the days of our life.

*Answer.* Let our prayers and meditations be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

*Reader.* Let us pray.

*Then shall the Person who conducts the service, read either of the following Prayers, or make a Prayer extempore.*

O MOST gracious and merciful God, by whom the world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, in bringing us to the light of another day. We gratefully acknowledge our dependence upon thee for all the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of our life ; for all the means of our well-being here, and of our everlasting happiness hereafter. We give thee thanks for the light of thy Gospel, and the help of thy grace, and the support of thy promises, and all the blessings which thou hast vouchsafed unto us in thy Son Jesus Christ.

May we ever walk as in thy sight ; and, fearing to offend thee, may we keep ourselves from all sin. Enable us to resist and overcome temptation ; to follow the motions of thy good Spirit ; to be true and just in our dealings ; watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions ; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things.

May thy blessing be upon our persons, our labors, our substance ; upon all that belongs to us, and all who are dear to us.

Give us, gracious God, what is needful for us, and give us grace not to abuse thy favors.

Give us, we beseech thee, contentment for ourselves, and benevolence for others. Give us, in this world, the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.  
*Amen.*

*Or this.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we, the work of thy hands, and the subjects of thy government, sensible of thy goodness to us hitherto, implore thy mercy and protection for the time to come. May the same good Providence that has watched over us for our good the past night, by preserving us from dangers, by refreshing us with sleep, by awaking us this morning with souls sensible of these blessings, may the same gracious God guard us this day from all evil and mischief, from all assaults of our spiritual enemies, from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment. And seeing all men's labors are in vain without thy blessing, we beseech thee to bless every one of us in our several places and callings. Prosper thou the works of our hands upon us, and give us grace thankfully to accept, and soberly to use, whatever we shall this day receive from thee ; that we, owning thee for our benefactor, and using thy benefits according to thy pleasure, may continue to be the partakers of thy blessings.

Bless us at home and abroad. Bless the country in which we live, and its rulers and governors. Bless the church universal of thy Son, and all the ministers of the holy Gospel. Bless all schools and seminaries of learning, and all instructors of youth. Preserve all who travel by sea and by land. Protect all orphans and widows, and all who suffer wrong. Give health and strength to the sick and weak, and joy and comfort to the sorrowful and afflicted.

We commend ourselves, and all belonging to us, to thee, our merciful Creator. Hear us also in behalf of our friends, our relations, our benefactors, and all who desire our prayers. We humbly ask for them the mercies which suit their several conditions and needs. We implore for them thy favor, thy peace, and life eternal.

And now to thee, O God, Father Almighty, we ascribe all honor and glory through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Then shall the whole Family together, say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who tres-

pass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

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## FIRST EVENING SERVICE

FOR A FAMILY.

*The following Anthem is to be said by the Reader and Family alternately, as in the preceding Services.*

THE Lord hath commanded his loving kindness in the day time ; and in the night season also our song shall be of him, and our prayer unto the God of our life.

As long as we live, will we magnify thee in this manner, and lift up our hands in thy name.

Let our prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense ; and let the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice.

For thou art the portion of our inheritance and of our cup, and thou shalt maintain our lot.

Behold, he who keepeth his people will neither slumber nor sleep. He is about our



path, and about our bed, and beholdeth all our ways.

We will lay us down in peace, and take our rest, for it is thou, O Lord, only, who makest us to dwell in safety.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God ;

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Here a Portion of Scripture may be read.*

*Then shall the Person who conducts the Service say ;*

The Lord be with you ;

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Reader.* Let us pray.

*Then shall he read either of the following Prayers, or make a Prayer extempore.*

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, for all the blessings which we every day receive from thy bounty ; for all the known, and all the unobserved visitations and graces of thy holy Spirit, we bless thy good providence ; beseeching thee still to continue thy fatherly care over us, for we are weak and ignorant, and need thy constant protection and guidance.

God be merciful unto us, if we have broken his laws, abused his patience, wasted his time, sinned against his light, and resisted his good

Spirit. Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be able to see the evil and danger of sin, and shun the snares of temptation, and walk with safety in the paths of pleasantness and peace. Forgive whatever we have done or thought amiss during the past day ; and give us grace that we may render ourselves more worthy of thy favor for the time to come. Let us be excited to serve thee, our heavenly Master, with fidelity, and finish our work with diligence, before that night overtakes us, wherein no man can work.

O thou who never slumberest nor sleepest, but both by night and day dost watch over thy people, keep and defend us, we pray thee, this night. Let the shades which encompass us be as the shadow of thy wings. May our sleep be quiet and refreshing ; and may we rise in the morning prepared and invigorated to serve thee in the duties of the day. May all our nights on earth be hallowed by thy blessing, and all our days devoted to thy service ; so that when we have slept the sleep of the grave, we may awake to the resurrection of the just.

Hear us, we beseech thee, in thy Son's name, as whose disciples we approach thee, our Father, and ascribe unto thee all honor and glory for ever. *Amen.*

*Or this.*

OUR Father in heaven, thy children kneel before thy throne of mercy, and humbly thank thee for all the blessings of this day, and for the privilege which we now enjoy of holding communion with thee. Let our evening sacrifice be a pure and acceptable service. While we praise thee with our lips, may reverence and gratitude fill our hearts. May our whole conduct also be influenced by our devotions, and may we live to love and serve, as we have learned to adore thee.

O God, if this day we have fallen into any sin ; if we have weakly yielded to any temptation ; if we have been angry without cause, or beyond bounds ; if we have been uncharitable, unjust, undutiful, or in any way unmindful of thee and thy laws, we beseech thee to forgive us in thy great mercy, and grant us true repentance, that we may lie down this night in peace with the world, with ourselves, and with thee. And we pray thee, O Father, to watch over us this night, and protect us from all evil, and give to our eyes refreshing slumbers, so that we may rise in the morning with renewed power to serve thee. If we are to rise no more in this world, grant that we may awake, in the next, to life immortal, and the light of thy countenance for evermore.

We pray thee, also, to protect the whole sleeping world through the hours of darkness. And be graciously present with those, who, by land or by sea, must wake and watch. Soothe the pains of the sick; speak pardon and peace to restless consciences; guide the traveller on his way; preserve the mariner from the fury of the tempest, and direct him through the paths of the deep. Be a Father to the fatherless; a Deliverer to the oppressed; a Friend to all who are under neglect, or contempt, or in want; and especially to those who are persecuted for conscience and righteousness' sake. Be kind to all our friends and to all our enemies; to all who have prayed for us, and to all who have desired that we should pray for them. Mercifully, O God, Father Almighty, hear their prayers, and ours, which we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Then shall the whole Family say the following Benediction, and the Service may be closed with a Hymn.*

'THE Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, And give us peace, Now and evermore. *Amen.*

## SECOND EVENING SERVICE

FOR A FAMILY.

*The following Anthem is to be said alternately,  
as in the preceding Services.*

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, their labor is but lost who build it.

Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

We will lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help.

Our help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved ; and he who keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold he who keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper ; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

So that the sun shall not smite thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil ; yea, it is even he who shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for ever more.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God ;

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Here a Portion of Scripture may be read.*

*Then shall the Person who conducts the Service say ;*

BY the favor of God, we are come to the evening of this day ; and we are so much nearer the end of our mortal life. Let us prepare ourselves for our change, by living righteously and godly in this present world. Let us pray to God to strengthen our good resolutions, and enable us, as we draw near to the grave, to draw nearer to himself, and to his heavenly kingdom.

*Answer.* O thou, who hearest prayer, unto thee will we lift up our souls.

*Reader.* Let us pray.

*Then shall he read either of the following Prayers, or make a Prayer extempore.*

O GOD, the light of every heart that sees thee, the life of every soul that loves thee, the strength of every mind that seeks thee ; we seek thee now, O Father, and pray that thou wouldst enlighten our darkness, sustain our faintings, save us from the death of sin, and grant us life eternal. Enter thou into our

hearts, speak peace unto this house, and abide with us always. Let us be sheltered under the shadow of thy wings from the storms of worldly cares ; and when the darkness gathers, and the waves swell, be thou our harbor and secure repose.

Keep us continually, O God, in thy faith and fear. May we be followers of that which is good, and followers of thy Son Jesus Christ, obeying his precepts, and imitating his example. Let our bodies be in constant subjection to our souls, our senses to our reason, and our reason to thy divine and gracious instruction ; that so, both outwardly and inwardly, we may be fully disposed to do thy will.

May we, thy children, know from our experience, how good and how pleasant a thing it is to dwell together in unity. May we be kind and faithful to each other, and to all with whom we are in any way connected. And may we be always sensible of our relationship to thee, our heavenly Father ; and feel, that whether sleeping or waking, we are still with thee. Keep and defend us this night. Grant unto us quiet and restoring slumbers. Bring us to the light of another morning in safety ; and when our days and nights on earth are numbered and finished, grant that we may behold each other in the light of eternal day. And this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*Or this.*

WE humbly thank thee, merciful Father, for thy goodness in conducting us to the close of this day, and for all thy mercies from day to day bestowed upon us. Add this to all thy favors, we beseech thee, that we may never forget to be thankful, but may constantly acknowledge thee as the source of all our blessings, and praise thee, not only with our lips, but in our lives. Write thy law upon our hearts, that all our desires, words, and actions, may be conformable to thy holy will. Remembering thy mercies hitherto vouchsafed to us, we do entirely trust thee for the time to come. For this only we are anxious, and do earnestly pray, that we may all our days serve and please thee in such a constant practice of piety and devotion, of righteousness and mercy, of temperance, meekness, patience, truth and fidelity, as may adorn the religion and name of our Lord and Master.

Accept, O God, as the testimony of our love and charity, our hearty intercessions for all mankind. Let the glorious light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations ; and grant that all who have already received it, may live as becomes it.

O Lord, continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Into thy hand we commend



ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all things belonging to us. And make us mindful, we pray thee, of that time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid or unfit to die. And now to thee, our God and Father, we ascribe all honor and glory, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Then shall the whole Family say the following Benediction, and the Service may be closed with a Hymn.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, And give us peace, Now and evermore. *Amen.*

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## GENERAL SERVICE.

*Reader.* Come, let us adore that Almighty and Eternal Being, Life of our life, Former of our bodies and Father of our spirits, who preserves and upholds us both by night and by day.

*Answer.* Let us worship God, our Heavenly Father.

*Read.* He is good as he is great; his mercy is over all his works, and he is nigh

unto all those who call upon him, yea, such as call upon him faithfully.

*Ans.* O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*Read.* He is most holy, righteous and true; of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and he searches and knows all our hearts.

*Ans.* Let us worship God who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

*Read.* He is our constant Benefactor. He guards us by night, and guides us by day. He gives us food, raiment and friends. He gives us the means of acquiring knowledge, of advancing in virtue, of doing good. He freely gives us all that we should desire, and more than we deserve.

*Ans.* O let us give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth forever.

*Read.* Above all, let us praise him for the gift of his Son Jesus Christ, whom he sent to save us; to redeem us from sin; to teach us our duty; to turn us from darkness to light; to raise us from death unto life, and unto the hope of a heavenly inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

*Ans.* Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath given us his own Son, and revealed unto us eternal life.

*Read.* O come, let us worship God, our Creator, Preserver, Redeemer.

*Ans.* Let us draw near to him with thankful and devout affections, with reverence and humility;

*Read.* With a deep sense of his greatness and goodness, and of our own weakness and unworthiness;

*Ans.* And in the name of his dear Son, Jesus Christ.

*Read.* Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, let thy merciful ears be open to the prayers of thy humble servants, and make us to ask such things as shall please thee; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then may a selection from the following Prayers be made at discretion; but the Service should always be closed with the Concluding Prayer.*

#### MORNING.

**FATHER** of mercies; we bless thee for thy care over us the past night. Grant us thy protection through the ensuing day. Keep us from all evil. Make us to walk in thy ways, and so shall we be blessed. Whatever thou ordainest for us, in small or great events, may we remember that it is thy will. In all the trials of hourly existence, in all the infirmities of our tempers, in all our weaknesses and wants, may we lift up our hearts to thee,

for strength and for peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## EVENING.

MERCIFUL Lord, take us this night under thy kind protection. Watch over us while we sleep. If we wake in the night season, may our meditation of thee be sweet, and may our souls be glad in the Lord. If we are spared to see the light of the returning day, may we rise from our beds, to give all diligence to walk before thee in the way of duty and wisdom. And whether we wake or sleep, or live or die, may we be thine, O God, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## GENERAL PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, who art the author and giver of all good things; thy word created us, thy power sustains us, thy goodness crowns our lives. What shall we render unto thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies? May we use our gifts and our powers in thy service. Grant us grace to live according to thy will, and to submit ourselves to thy righteous dispensations. If gladness should be our portion, may our thoughts be filled with thy love. If sorrow should be appointed us, may the remembrance of thy superintending providence, thy fatherly care, lead us to place unshaken

trust in thee, and to yield ourselves to thy will. Though thou shouldst see fit to deprive us of all beside, yet thou wilt be ever with us, and thy grace is sufficient for us.

O Lord, let thy grace preserve us from sin, and fortify our souls against all temptations; but if our feet should stray from thy ways, let thy guiding staff, or thy chastening rod, bring us gently or painfully back to the paths of peace and virtue. Let us not incur thy displeasure; but above all things seek thy favor, which is better than life. We beseech thee to grant us thy support in trial; thy love in prosperity; thy guardianship in life and in death. May we be humble followers of our glorified Master, and may our sincere, though imperfect obedience, be acceptable unto thee, who knowest our frame, and rememberest that we are but dust. Hear us, O Lord, and accept us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

*Or this.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father; we pray that thou wouldst guide and lead us by thy providence, and comfort us by thy mercy, and protect us by thine almighty power. We submit to thee all our thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; and we desire to have thee always in our minds, to do all our works in thy name, and in thy strength to bear all

calamity with patience. Give us grace that we may be attentive to our spiritual concerns, temperate in our enjoyments, vigilant in our conduct, and steadfast and immoveable in all good purposes. Dispose our hearts to admire thy holiness, to hate all evil works, to love our neighbor, and to renounce the vanities of the world. Make us diligent in curbing all irregular affections ; zealous in imploring thy grace, careful in keeping thy commandments, and constant in working out our salvation. Finally, O God, make us sensible how short is our time on earth, and how long a blessed eternity. O that we may well prepare ourselves for death ; that we may flee from the wrath to come, and obtain of thee everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION.

**MOST** gracious and merciful God, we humble ourselves before thee, in a deep sense of our unworthiness. We acknowledge that we have not served thee with that purity of intention, that fervency of spirit, that care, and diligence, and constancy that we ought to have done. Forgive, O Lord, our sins of ignorance and infirmity, but especially all our wilful transgressions of thy law. Work in us a hearty contrition for sin, and help us to

live more worthily for the time to come ; so that we may secure thy favor, and find eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## FOR THE AFFLICTED.

GOD of mercy and of all consolation, we pray thee to comfort those who are in distress and affliction. Give peace to their troubled hearts, and bring them to see the light of thy countenance, and the joy of thy salvation. Sanctify to them every pain and every sorrow ; and when they have suffered all thou hast appointed unto them, may they come off more than conquerors, through him who hath loved us, and given himself for us, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## FOR FRIENDS.

TO thy care, most gracious Lord, we commend all whom we love, trusting that thou wilt protect them. Grant them all needful good. Be thou their guide through life, their support in death, and their eternal portion in that happy futurity which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## FOR OUR COUNTRY.

O THOU, who rulest over all the earth, we beseech thee to bless our country with the

rich and continual blessings of liberty, good government, true religion, and peace. May those who are in authority over us, rule in thy fear, and may their councils be guided by thy wisdom. Bless our literary and charitable institutions. Multiply among us the means of intellectual and moral improvement, and may we always be in the happy case of that people whose God is the Lord. Bless the whole family of mankind. Fill the world with thy light and truth ; and as from thee cometh all good, to thee be ascribed all glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

#### FOR CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

O THOU Father of lights, we pray for the churches of our land, and for thy holy church universal throughout the world. Give the spirit of truth to the worshippers of the Father ; the spirit of thy Son to all who profess and call themselves Christians. May thy children dwell together in peace on earth, that they may unite in thy worship in the courts of thy temple above, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's



name, of thy great mercy, grant unto us such things as shall be good for us, though we may neglect to pray for them ; and deny us such things as would be hurtful to us, though we should earnestly desire them. Order all things for us according to thy most holy will, and our best welfare ; and thine shall be the glory, and the praise, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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## PETITIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE PRECEDING  
FORMS OF PRAYER, AS OCCASION RE-  
QUIRES.

FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

BE graciously present, O Lord, with all who this day meet to serve thee ; and give us all grace to hear with attention, to receive the word with meekness, and to serve the Lord with gladness. Teach us all things necessary to salvation ; enable us to understand and remember the sacred truths delivered to us, with full purpose of living accordingly, that our conversation may be holy, and

our end everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

ANOTHER.

WE thank thee, Heavenly Father, for the light of this day of rest, and for all the spiritual privileges which it brings with it. May we have rest and refreshment to our souls. May we read, and hear, and meditate with profit, and lift up our hearts to thee in prayer and praise with sincere devotion. And grant, most merciful God, that we may so improve all our sacred opportunities, that we fail not of a part in thine eternal rest, and in the hymns of angels and blessed spirits in the world to come, which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SUNDAY EVENING.

GLORY be to thy name, O God, for the especial blessings which this sacred day has brought to us. Pardon us, if in any manner we have abused its privileges. Cause the truths which we have heard to sink deep into our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruits of a holy and religious life, a peaceful and blessed death, and a glorious resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## ANOTHER.

BLESSED be God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath vouchsafed to us the rest and instruction of this Christian Sabbath. Blessed be God for the means of happiness and improvement, which have been offered this day to us and our fellow Christians. Make us mindful, we pray thee, of our duty ; that as we often hear how we ought to walk and to please God, we may continue to do so unto our lives' end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## INTERCESSION FOR CHILDREN.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, bless the children of this household with healthful bodies, and understanding souls, and sanctified hearts, that they may remember their Creator all their days. Let thy grace preserve them from the temptations of the world ; and may we never be wanting in any part of our duty to them, but instruct them in the faith and duties of a Christian life. Be thou, O God, their Father and portion, in this world, and in the world to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## ANOTHER.

OUR Heavenly Father, we beseech thee to be a Father to our children. Take them into the arms of thy love. Strengthen them in the path of duty, and when they fall, raise them up again. Wherever they are, or may go, there be thou with them. Guide them ; teach them ; defend, pardon, and save them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## ANOTHER.

WE humbly and earnestly look to thee, O God, for a plenteous blessing on our dear children. Grant them thy best gifts. Grant them health, and strength, and understanding. Grant them, above all, virtue, holiness, good dispositions, the knowledge and love of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Help us to do all our duty to them, and help them to do their duty to us. Lead them and guard them through life ; be with them in death ; and grant that we may all meet together at last in the house of our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## INTERCESSION FOR BENEFACTORS.

ALMIGHTY God, fountain of all goodness and all excellency ; extend thine abundant favor and loving kindness to all our

friends and benefactors. Let the light of thy countenance shine upon them, and never let them come into any affliction or sadness, but such as may be an instrument of thy glory, and their eternal comfort. Forgive them all their sins. Preserve them from spiritual dangers. Give supply to all their needs; guarding their persons; sanctifying their hearts; and leading them in the way of righteousness, by the waters of comfort, to the land of eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## FOR FRIENDS.

O LORD, graciously accept our prayers for all our kindred and friends. Do good unto them all. To those who are afflicted, give comfort and deliverance; to those who prosper, humility and temperance. Bless the sick with health; and keep the healthy from sickness. Supply those who are in want; and let those who want not, give supply. To all grant thy grace, O God, and show thy mercy. Let love bind us one to another, and religion knit us all to thee; that however we suffer or scatter on earth, we may live and be in joy together, in the felicity of Heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## ON A JOURNEY.

O THOU, who art everywhere present, and everywhere and always the same merciful and protecting God, protect us, we beseech thee, in the house and by the way. Save us from danger, from violence, and from sickness. May our way be pleasant to our feet, and improving to our minds and souls. Grant to us a safe arrival at home. Bless and protect those whom we have left behind us. After the journey of life is over, grant that we may all arrive safely in that blessed country, where there is no weariness, nor peril, nor parting, the land of everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## ON A VOYAGE.

O THOU, who art the confidence of those who are abroad upon the sea, protect us, we beseech thee, in this our voyage, and preserve us from all its dangers. But especially grant unto us a sure and steadfast trust in thee. Whatever changes may come over the deep, and whatever foes or perils we may encounter, let us know and feel that thou art near us, and that no real evil can befall us while we are with thee. Bring us to our desired haven, if it be thy will, and to our friends, in safety and peace. When the sea

of life is past, and its storms are spent, O then, merciful God, land us on the calm and happy shore of thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

AFTER RETURNING FROM A JOURNEY OR VOYAGE.

WE thank thee, O God, merciful Father, that through thy great goodness we are permitted to meet again around our own domestic altar. For thy protecting care of us, while we were away, and for this our safe return, we praise and bless thee. For all the comforts, pleasures, and duties of this our earthly home, we devoutly thank thee. But we know that we are strangers with thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were; that our days on earth are as a shadow, and here there is no abiding. O be thou with us, to lead and uphold us through the remainder of our pilgrimage, and at last receive us to our home in thine eternal heavens, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A NEW YEAR.

BLESSED be God, who has brought us safe to the beginning of another year. Make us sensible, O thou eternal and holy One, how short and uncertain is our mortal life. Pardon our misspent time, and make us

henceforth careful to redeem it. Grant that we may begin this new year with new resolutions of serving thee more faithfully. Make us wise unto salvation ; that we may consider in this our day the things that belong unto our peace ; and that we may pass the time of our sojourning here in thy fear and love ; and be ready to depart hence, whenever thou shalt say unto us, Return, ye children of men. We make our supplications in the name, and as the disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A SICK CHILD.

HEAVENLY Father, we beseech thee to pity the troubles of the child whom thou hast visited with illness, and pity our sorrows, who are afflicted for it. Ease it of its pains, and strengthen it in its weakness. Raise it up again, if it shall please thee, to grow in years and stature, in wisdom and virtue ; and thereby to comfort us, and glorify thee. We believe that thou knowest best what is fit both for it, and for us, and wilt do what is fit for all ; and, therefore, we leave it to thy wise disposal. But let it be thine, O Lord, in life or death ; and either preserve it to be thy true and faithful servant on earth, or take it to the blessedness of thy children in the kingdom of heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



## FOR A SICK PERSON.

LOOK graciously, O God, on thy servant, whom thou hast brought low with illness. Grant unto *him* a strong sense of *his* entire dependence upon thee; that whether the means used for *his* relief succeed, *he* may ascribe the glory to thee alone, or whether thou thinkest fit to deny them their intended effects, *he* may humble himself under thy mighty hand, and bear the rod, knowing who hath appointed it. We pray thee to preserve thy servant unto us, for *he* is dear to us. Nevertheless, not our will, but thine be done. If it be thy will that *he* should live, may *his* whole life praise thee. If *his* sickness is unto death, may *his* soul be prepared to meet thee, and our souls lie resigned at thy feet. *Amen.*

## IN BEREAVEMENT.

SANCTIFY to thy servants, O God, the loss of one of our number by death. Look with pity upon our sorrows; and grant that the affliction which it has pleased thee to bring upon us, may awaken our consciences, and soften our hearts, and impress upon us such convictions of thy holiness and power, that we may place in thee our only felicity, and strive to please thee in all our ways.

And give us grace constantly to look forward to that life which is beyond death, and over which death has no power, revealed to us by thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

IN ANY AFFLICTION.

MERCIFULLY regard us, O Lord, in our present trouble, and make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us. Strengthen us to bear the cross which is laid upon us. Give us grace to look to the example of our blessed Master, who, for the joy which was set before him, endured a heavier cross than ours. By the sadness of our countenances may our hearts be made better ; and may we so improve thine afflictive dispensations, that they may all tend to our final happiness and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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FIRST SERVICE

FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*The Instructor shall begin with the following Exhortation, in the words of Scripture.*

COME, ye children, hearken unto me ; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of

wisdom ; but the wicked despise wisdom and instruction. My children, if sinners entice you, consent ye not. If they say, Come with us, cast in your lot among us,—my children, walk not in the way with them ; refrain your feet from their path ; for their feet run to evil. When wisdom entereth into your hearts, and knowledge is pleasant unto your souls, discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you ; to deliver you from the way of those who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness.

My children, forget not the law of God ; but let your hearts keep his commandments. For length of days, and years of life, and peace, shall they add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you. Bind them about your necks ; write them upon the tables of your hearts. So shall you find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

*Then shall the Children say ;*

WE call with our whole heart ; hear us, O Lord ; we will keep thy statutes.

*Instructor.* Let us pray.

*Then the Children shall say, after the Instructor, the following Prayer.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father,—give us wisdom, give us understanding.—May we fear to do evil, and learn to do well.—May we

love the truth,—and love goodness,—and love thee, our God,—and Jesus Christ, our Saviour.—We thank thee, O Lord, for the gift of thy Son ;—who came to teach us what is true and good,—and died that we might live.—We thank thee, that when he was on earth,—he suffered little children to come to him,—and took them in his arms and blessed them.—May we be worthy of his blessing ;—may our souls rest in his arms.—May we be gentle and kind ;—may we be patient and meek ;—may we love each other with pure hearts ;—so that our heavenly Father may love us,—and take us to heaven when we die.

We pray thee, O God, to bless our parents and our kindred,—our teachers and our friends.—O guard them from danger,—and comfort them in trouble,—and heal them in sickness,—and deliver them from evil.—Bless all mankind.—Pardon our offences ;—help our infirmities ;—and accept our prayers ;—through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*Instructor.* The Lord bless you and keep you ; the Lord be gracious unto you, and give you peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

## SECOND SERVICE

FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*The Instructor shall begin with the following Address.*

MY dear children,—God our Father has preserved us since we last met together ; he has been mindful of us, and has blessed us. We can say, How dear are thy thoughts unto us, O God ! how great is the sum of them ! If we should count them, they are more in number than the sand. He feeds us ; he clothes us ; he gives us friends. He gives us every good and perfect gift. We cannot repay him for all his loving kindness ; but he has graciously assured us, that he will accept our praises and thanksgivings, if we offer them purely and sincerely. Let us join in offering praise to God with devout affections, and with holy words.

*Then shall the Instructor and Pupils repeat the following verses alternately ; the Instructor beginning.*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits !

Who forgiveth all thy sins, and healeth all thine infirmities ;

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness ;

Who filleth the morning of thy life with good things, and reneweth thy youth like the eagle's.

He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

And we will praise the Lord from this time forth, for evermore.

*Then shall the Instructor say ;*

NOW let us unite in prayer to the same Almighty Being. And let us remember that he is a God who heareth prayer, and knoweth all our thoughts, and all the secrets of our hearts. Let us pray to him humbly, and reverently, and sincerely.

#### PRAYER.

HOLY and blessed Lord, our God ;—we pray thee to hear us ;—we pray thee to bless us.—Give unto us a pure heart and a right spirit.—May we strive to do what is pleasing in thy sight.—May we be careful not to offend thee.—May we love and obey our

parents and guardians ;—may we speak the truth always,—and be just and kind to all persons.—As we grow in stature, may we grow in wisdom,—and in favor with God and man.—When we sin, do thou forgive us.—When we wander, do thou restore us.—When we are in sorrow, do thou comfort us.—While we live, may we love and serve thee.—In the hour of death, may we rest upon thee ;—and after death may we rise to praise thee.—Which we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*Instructor.* Children, the grace of Christ be with you, and the peace of God rest upon you, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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### THIRD SERVICE

FOR A BIBLE CLASS, OR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*The following Sentences are to be said alternately by the Instructor and the Pupils.*

*Ins.* WHEREWITHAL shall the young cleanse their way?

*P.* By taking heed thereto, according to God's word.

*Ins.* Teach them, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;

*P.* And we will keep it unto the end.

*Ins.* Give them understanding, and they shall keep thy law.

*P.* Yea, we shall keep it with our whole heart.

*Ins.* O turn away their eyes, lest they behold vanity ;

*P.* And quicken thou us in thy way. .

*Ins.* The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy ;

*P.* O teach us thy statutes.

*Ins.* Thou art good, and doest good.

*P.* O teach us thy statutes.

*Ins.* Thy testimonies have we claimed as our heritage forever ; and why ?

*P.* They are the very joy of our hearts.

*Ins.* Our hands also will we lift up unto thy commandments, which we have loved ;

*P.* And our study shall be in thy statutes.

*Ins.* Let us pray.

*Then shall the Instructor say the following Prayer.*

O GOD, who art the source of light, and fountain of all wisdom, help thy young servants, we pray thee, in acquiring a right knowledge of thee and of thy holy will and word. Dispose their hearts to the love of truth, and their minds to the attainment of all good learning. Assist them to search the Scriptures, and to find in them eternal life. Lead them to their Saviour, and incline them to reverence, imitate and obey him. May



they learn of him, who was meek and lowly in heart; and so learn of him, that they may finally live and reign with him, in glory and joy everlasting. This we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall he say,*

O LORD, thy word endureth forever in heaven; thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another.

*P.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

*Ins.* The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting; O grant us understanding, and we shall live.

*P.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

*Ins.* May the Lord bless us and keep us; may the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now, and for evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

#### CLOSING PRAYER FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL.

OUR Father who art in Heaven,—we thank thee for the instruction which we have now received,—and we pray that it may do us good.—We thank thee for the blessings of the Gospel,—and we pray that we may value and improve them.—We thank thee for all thy good gifts,—and we pray thee to make

us worthy of them.—May we depart from this place with thy blessing ;—may we go home with thy peace in our hearts.—Forgive us our errors and faults.—Make us wiser and better every day.—May we live on earth as thy dear children ;—and live for ever with thee in heaven ;—through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

SECOND CLOSING PRAYER.

GLORY be to thy name, O Lord,—for all thy mercy and loving kindness.—We thank thee for the word of wisdom and truth ;—for our education and religion ;—for all the means of grace ;—and for the hope of eternal life.—May we remember the good lessons which have been taught us ;—may they be useful to us ;—may they help to make us virtuous and happy.—Pardon whatever we have done wrong ;—and enable us to do better for the time to come.—When we go from this place,—may thy blessing go with us,—and always rest upon us.—And when thou shalt take us from this world,—may we be received to thine eternal joy ;—through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

*A Benediction, which may be added to the Closing Prayers.*

The Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us ; and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

## A CATECHISM

FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN.

## PART I.

*Question.* Can you tell me, child, who made you ?

*Answer.* God made me and all things.

Q. For what did God make you ?

A. To be good and happy.

Q. What is it to be good ?

A. To love and obey my parents, to speak the truth always, and to be just and kind to all persons.

Q. Can God know whether you be good or not ?

A. Yes ; for though we cannot see God, yet he sees us, wherever we are, by night as well as by day.

Q. What will God do for you, if you be good ?

A. He will love me, and make me happy.

Q. Can you do any thing for God, who is so good to you ?

A. I can only love him, obey him, and be thankful to him ; I can do nothing for him.

Q. Can you speak to God ?

A. Yes ; he has bid us to pray to him for every thing which is fit for us, and he is always ready to hear us.

Q. In what manner should you pray to God ?

A. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has given us a form of prayer, called the Lord's Prayer.

Q. Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

A. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Q. What will God do to those who are not good ?

A. He will punish them.

Q. Is God able to punish those who are not good ?

A. Yes ; he who made all things can do all things ; he can take away all our friends, and every thing which he has given us ; and he can make us die, whenever he pleases.

Q. After you die, shall you live again ?

A. Yes ; God will raise us from the dead, and if we be good, we shall die no more.

Q. Where shall you live again, if you have been good ?

A. If I have been good, I shall go to heaven, where I shall be very happy for ever.

Q. What shall become of the wicked, when they die ?

A. They shall meet with their just punishment.

Q. When you do any thing which is wrong, should you not be afraid that God, who sees you, will punish you ?

A. Yes ; but he has promised to forgive us, if we be sorry for our sins, and endeavor to sin no more.

Q. Who has told us, that God will forgive us, if we repent of our sins, and endeavor to sin no more ?

A. Many persons by whom God spake, and particularly Jesus Christ.

Q. Who was Jesus Christ ?

A. The well beloved Son of God, whom the Father sent to teach men their duty, and to persuade and encourage them to practise it.

Q. Where do we learn what we know concerning Christ, and what he did, taught, and suffered for the good of men ?

A. In the Bible, which we should diligently read and study, for our improvement in knowledge and goodness, in order to fit us for heaven.

Q. Is there any form of words in which Christians express the principal articles of their belief ?

A. Yes ; the Apostles' Creed, which was composed in the first ages of Christianity, is such a form.

Q. Repeat the Apostles' Creed.

A. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth ;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost ; born of the Virgin Mary ; suffered under Pontius Pilate ; was crucified, dead, and buried ; the third day he rose again from the dead ; he ascended into heaven ; and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the holy catholic church ; the communion of saints ; the forgiveness of sins ; the resurrection of the body ; and the life everlasting. Amen.



## PART II.

Q. Does the Bible inform us what God himself is ?

A. Yes ; it teaches us that he is a being who had no beginning, and that he will have no end ; that he is almighty, perfectly wise, and infinitely good ; that he is every where present ; and that he never changes in his nature or disposition.

Q. What does God require of us, in order to live and die in his favor ?

A. All that God requires of us is comprehended in these two precepts ; Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart ; and thy neighbor as thyself.

Q. In what manner must we express our love to God ?

A. By a grateful sense of his goodness to us ; by a constant care to do his will ; and by an entire and cheerful submission to all the dispensations of his providence.

Q. How must we express our love to our fellow men ?

A. By doing to others, as we should think it right in them to do to us in the same circumstances.

Q. By what methods must we cherish our love to God, and increase our confidence in him ?

A. We must frequently consider the benefits he confers upon us. We must also address ourselves to him in prayer, thanking him for the mercies he bestows upon us, confessing our sins before him, and asking of him whatever he knows to be needful and good for us.

Q. How shall we bring ourselves into the best disposition for performing our duty to God and man ?

A. By a proper government of our pas-

sions, according to the dictates of reason and conscience ; by living in temperance and chastity ; and never indulging a proud, malicious, or selfish temper.

Q. What should we do, when persons affront and injure us ?

A. We should not return evil for evil ; and if they repent, we must forgive them, as we hope that God will forgive us our offences against him.

Q. In what manner should we treat the inferior animals ?

A. We should treat them with tenderness and humanity ; and never torment them or destroy their lives to make ourselves sport ; because they are the creatures of God, and because God has commanded us to be merciful unto them.

Q. Has God any where delivered distinct directions, concerning the several branches of our duty to him and to our neighbor ?

A. Yes, in the ten commandments, which he delivered to the children of Israel from Mount Sinai.

Q. Which is the first commandment ?

A. Thou shalt have no other gods but me.

Q. Which is the second commandment ?

A. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth be-



neath, or in the water under the earth ; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them ; for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of those who hate me ; and show mercy unto thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Q. Which is the third commandment ?

A. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh his name in vain.

Q. Which is the fourth commandment ?

A. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do ; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter ; thy man servant, and thy maid servant ; thy cattle, and the stranger who is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day ; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Q. Which is the fifth commandment ?

A. Honor thy father and thy mother ; that thy days may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. Which is the sixth commandment ?

A. Thou shalt do no murder.

Q. Which is the seventh commandment ?

A. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. Which is the eighth commandment ?

A. Thou shalt not steal.

Q. Which is the ninth commandment ?

A. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. Which is the tenth commandment ?

A. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house ; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife ; nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Q. What are those principles which most effectually lead to the observance of these, and all other of God's commandments ?

A. A high reverence of God, and a sincere good will to our fellow creatures, joined with a just regard to our own real interest.

Q. What is the best method we can take to guard ourselves from all vice and wickedness ?

A. By being careful not to indulge sinful thoughts ; and by correcting every thing which is amiss in the beginning, before we have become accustomed to it, and have formed a habit which cannot easily be broken ; particularly by avoiding the company of wicked persons, who would soon make us like themselves ; and by being, in a more especial manner, upon our guard against those

vices, to which our situation and circumstances make us peculiarly prone.

Q. Is any man able to fulfil all the commands of God, so as to live entirely without sin ?

A. No. Our merciful God and Father knows that we are not able to do this, and, therefore, does not expect it from us. He only requires that we repent of the sins we commit, and endeavor to live better lives for the future.

Q. What should a sense of our frailty and proneness to sin teach us ?

A. Humility and watchfulness, and earnestness in our prayers to God, to enable us to resist temptation, and to strengthen and confirm our good dispositions.

Q. Did Christ appoint any outward ordinances as means of promoting his religion ?

A. He commanded his disciples to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; and he also commanded them to eat bread and drink wine in remembrance of him. This rite is called the Lord's Supper.

Q. What is the meaning of baptism ?

A. The washing of water in baptism probably represents the purity of heart and life, required from all who become the disciples of Christ.

Q. What is the nature and use of the Lord's Supper ?

A. By eating bread and drinking wine in remembrance of Christ, we keep alive the memory of his death and resurrection ; we acknowledge ourselves to be Christians ; we cherish a grateful sense of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ ; and strengthen our resolutions to live as becomes his disciples.

Q. Had Christ no particular reward on account of what he did and suffered for the good of men ?

A. Because he humbled himself to death, God has highly exalted him, and made him head over all things to his church ; and at the end of the world he will come to judge the living and the dead. For this hope which was set before him, he endured the cross, and despised the shame of that ignominious death.

Q. What do the Scriptures say concerning the day of judgment ?

A. That Christ will come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, when every eye shall see him ; that he will separate the wicked from the good ; that he will send the wicked into a place of punishment, and take the righteous to a place of happiness, where they shall live forever with himself.

# H Y M N S

FOR

S O C I A L   A N D   P R I V A T E   U S E .

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1.                    C. M.                    WATTS.

*A Morning Song.*

- 1 ONCE more, my soul, the rising day  
  Salutes my waking eyes ;  
Once more, my voice, thy tribute pay  
  To him who rules the skies.
- 2 Night unto night his name repeats ;  
  The day renews the sound,  
Wide as the heaven on which he sits,  
  To turn the seasons round.
- 3 O God, let all my hours be thine,  
  Whilst I enjoy the light ;  
Then shall my sun in smiles decline,  
  And bring a pleasant night.

**2.** C. M. CHRISTIAN POET.

*Morning Praise.*

- 1 My God was with me all this night,  
And gave me sweet repose :  
My God did watch, even whilst I slept,  
Or I had never rose.
- 2 Lord, for the mercies of the night,  
My humble thanks I pay ;  
And unto thee I dedicate  
The first fruits of the day.
- 3 Let this day praise thee, O my God,  
And so let all my days ;  
And O, let mine eternal day  
Be thine eternal praise.

**3.** L. M. PIERPONT.

*Morning Hymn. For a Child.*

- 1 O GOD, I thank thee that the night  
In peace and rest hath passed away ;  
And that I see, in this fair light,  
My Father's smile, that makes it day.
- 2 Be thou my guide, and let me live  
As under thine all-seeing eye :  
Supply my wants, my sins forgive,  
And make me happy when I die.

**4.** L. M. PIERPONT.

*Evening Hymn. For a Child.*

- 1 ANOTHER day its course hath run,  
And still, O God, thy child is blest ;  
For thou hast been by day my sun,  
And thou wilt be by night my rest.
- 2 Sweet sleep descends, my eyes to close ;  
And now, when all the world is still,  
I give my body to repose,—  
My spirit to my Father's will.

5. L. M. PARNELL.

*Evening Hymn.*

- 1 LORD, as the evening shades arise,  
And chase the twilight from the skies,  
Thy wondrous bounty may we find,  
And share it with a grateful mind.
- 2 O make our weary slumbers blest,  
With sweet refreshment in their rest,  
And in the hours of darkness spread,  
Thy guardian arms around our head.
- 4 If thoughts on thee our souls employ,  
E'en darkness will afford us joy ;  
Till thou shalt call, and we shall soar,  
And part with darkness evermore.

6. C. M. WATTS.

*An Evening Psalm.*

- 1 LORD, thou wilt hear me when I pray,  
I am forever thine ;  
I fear before thee all the day,  
Nor would I dare to sin.
- 2 And while I rest my weary head,  
From cares and business free,  
'T is sweet conversing on my bed,  
With my own heart and thee.
- 3 I pay this evening sacrifice ;  
And, when my work is done,  
Great God, my faith and hope relies  
Upon thy grace alone.
- 4 Thus, with my thoughts composed to peace,  
I'll give mine eyes to sleep :  
Thy hand in safety keeps my days,  
And will my slumbers keep.

## 7.            7s M.            D. H. BARLOW.

*Evening Hymn.*

- 1 MIGHTY God! another day  
 Me hath sped along my way :  
 Nearer to my grave I've come,  
 Nearer to my endless home.
- 2 Round me close the shades of night!  
 Gird me with thy presence bright!  
 Darkness comes not where thou art,  
 Dwell thou ever in my heart!

## 8.            C. M.            W. L. BOLLES.

*Starlight Frost.*

- 1 THE stars are shining over head,  
 In the clear frosty night ;  
 So will they shine when we are dead,  
 As countless and as bright.
- 2 For brief the time and short the space  
 That e'en the proudest have,  
 Ere they conclude their various race  
 In silence and the grave.
- 3 But the pure soul from dust shall rise,  
 By our great Saviour's aid,  
 When the last trump shall rend the skies,  
 And all the stars shall fade.

## 9.            L. M.            NOEL.

*Night, on the Sea-side.*

- 1 WHEN restless on my bed I lie,  
 Still courting sleep, which still will fly,  
 Then shall reflection's brighter power  
 Illume the lone and midnight hour.
- 2 If hushed the breeze, and calm the tide,  
 Soft will the stream of memory glide ;  
 And all the past, a gentle train,  
 Waked by remembrance, live again.



- 3 If loud the wind, the tempest high,  
And darkness wraps the sullen sky,  
I muse on life's tempestuous sea,  
And sigh, O Lord, to come to thee.
- 4 Tossed on the deep and swelling wave,  
O mark my trembling soul, and save :  
Give to my mind that harbor near,  
Where thou wilt chase each grief and fear,

**10.**            L. M.            Bp. KENN.

*Midnight.*

- 1 My God, I now from sleep awake ;  
The sole possession of me take ;  
From midnight terrors me secure,  
And guard my heart from thoughts impure.
- 2 Blest angels, while we silent lie,  
You hallelujahs sing on high ;  
You joyful hymn the Ever-blest,  
Before the throne, and never rest.
- 3 I with your choir celestial join,  
In offering up a hymn divine ;  
With you in heaven I hope to dwell,  
And bid the night and world farewell.
- 4 Blest Jesus, thou on heaven intent,  
Whole nights hast in devotion spent ;  
But I, frail creature, soon am tired,  
And all my zeal is soon expired.
- 5 Shine on me, Lord, new life impart,  
Fresh ardors kindle in my heart ;  
One ray of thy all-quickening light  
Dispels the sloth and clouds of night.

**11.** P. M. Bp. HEBER.

*Praise to God from Nature and Man.*

- 1 WHEN Spring unlocks the flowers, to paint the  
laughing soil ;  
When Summer's balmy showers refresh the mow-  
er's toil ;  
When Winter binds, in frosty chains, the fallow  
and the flood,  
In God the earth rejoiceth still, and owns his Ma-  
ker good.
- 2 The birds, that wake the morning, and those that  
love the shade ;  
The winds that sweep the mountain, or lull the  
drowsy glade ;  
The sun, that from his amber bower, rejoiceth on  
his way,  
The moon and stars their Maker's name in silent  
pomp display.
- 3 Shall man, the lord of nature, expectant of the sky,  
Shall man, alone unthankful, his little praise deny ?  
No : let the year forsake his course, the seasons  
cease to be,  
Thee, Maker, must we always love, and Saviour,  
honor thee.
- 4 The flowers of Spring may wither, the hope of  
Summer fade,  
The Autumn droop in Winter, the birds forsake the  
shade,  
The winds be lulled, the sun and moon forget their  
old decree,  
But we, in nature's latest hour, O Lord, will cling  
to thee.

**12.** L. M. Bp. HEBER.

*Give us our daily Bread.*

- 1 O KING of earth, and air, and sea,  
The hungry ravens cry to thee ;

- To thee, the scaly tribes that sweep  
The bosom of the boundless deep;
- 2 To thee the lions roaring call,  
The common Father, kind to all!  
Then grant thy servants, Lord, we pray,  
Our daily bread from day to day.
- 3 The fishes may for food complain;  
The ravens spread their wings in vain;  
The roaring lions lack and pine;  
But, God, thou carest still for thine.
- 4 Thy bounteous hand with food can bless  
The bleak and lonely wilderness;  
And taught by thy dear Son, we pray  
For daily bread from day to day.
- 5 And O, when through the wilds we roam  
That part us from our heavenly home;  
When, lost in danger, want and wo,  
Our faithless tears begin to flow;
- 6 Do thou thy gracious comfort give  
By which alone the soul may live;  
And grant thy servants, Lord, we pray,  
The bread of life from day to day.

13.

C. M.

WATTS.

*Holy Resolutions.*

- 1 O THAT thy statutes, every hour,  
Might dwell upon my mind!  
Thence I derive a quickening power,  
And daily peace I find.
- I To meditate thy precepts, Lord,  
Shall be my sweet employ:  
My soul shall ne'er forget thy word;  
Thy word is all my joy.

- 3 How would I run in thy commands,  
 If thou my heart discharge  
 From sin and folly's hateful chains,  
 And set my feet at large !
- 4 Depart from me, ye wicked race,  
 Whose hands and hearts are ill ;  
 I love my God, I love his ways,  
 And must obey his will.

**14.** L. M. 6 l. CHRISTIAN PSALMIST.

*Constant Use of God's Word.*

- 1 When quiet in my house I sit,  
 Thy book be my companion still,  
 My joy thy sayings to repeat,  
 Talk o'er the records of thy will,  
 And search the oracles divine,  
 Till every heartfelt word be mine.
- 2 Oft as I lay me down to rest,  
 O may the reconciling word  
 Sweetly compose my weary breast,  
 While, trusting in my gracious Lord,  
 I sink in peaceful dreams away,  
 And visions of eternal day !
- 3 Rising to sing my Father's praise,  
 Thee may I publish all day long ;  
 And let thy precious word of grace  
 Flow from my heart and fill my tongue !  
 Fill all my life with purest love,  
 And join me to the church above.

**15.** L. M. WATTS.

*For Christmas.*

- 1 THE lands that long in darkness lay  
 Now have beheld a heavenly light ;  
 Nations, that sat in death's cold shade  
 Are blest with beams divinely bright.

- 2 The virgin's promised Son is born !  
Behold the expected Child appear !  
What shall his names or titles be ?  
'The Wonderful, the Counsellor !'
- 3 The government of earth and seas  
Upon his shoulders shall be laid ;  
His wide dominions shall increase,  
And honors to his name be paid.
- 4 Jesus, the holy Child, shall sit  
High on his father David's throne ;  
Shall crush his foes beneath his feet,  
And reign to ages yet unknown.

**16.**                    C. M.                    ANONYMOUS.

*Christmas Hymn.*

- 1 Calm, on the listening ear of night,  
Come heaven's melodious strains,  
Where wild Judea stretches far,  
Her silver-mantled plains !
- 2 Celestial choirs from courts above,  
Shed sacred glories there ;  
And angels with their sparkling lyres,  
Make music on the air.
- 3 The answering hills of Palestine,  
Send back the glad reply ;  
And greet from all their holy heights,  
The day-spring from on high.
- 4 O'er the blue depths of Galilee,  
There comes a holier calm,  
And Sharon waves, in solemn praise,  
Her silent groves of palm.
- 5 "Glory to God !" — the sounding skies  
Loud with their anthems sing —  
Peace to the earth — good will to men,  
From heaven's Eternal King !"

- 6 Light on thy hills, Jerusalem !  
 The Saviour now is born !  
 And bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains,  
 Breaks the first Christmas morn.

**17.**            L. M.            Bp. HEBER.

*' Hosanna to the Son of David.'*

- 1 RIDE on, ride on in majesty !  
 Hark ! all the tribes Hosanna cry !  
 Thine humble beast pursues his road,  
 With palms and scattered garments strewed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty !  
 In lowly pomp ride on to die !  
 O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
 O'er captive death and conquered sin !
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty !  
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh ;  
 The Father on his glorious throne  
 Expects his own anointed Son.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty !  
 In lowly pomp ride on to die !  
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain ;  
 Then take, O Christ, thy power, and reign !

**18.**            L. M.            SIR J. E. SMITH.

*' Lo, it is I; be not afraid.'*

- 1 WHEN power divine in mortal form  
 Hushed with a word the raging storm,  
 In soothing accents, Jesus said,  
 ' Lo, it is I, be not afraid.'
- 2 So when in silence nature sleeps,  
 And his lone watch the mourner keeps,  
 One thought shall every pang remove—  
 Trust, feeble man, thy Maker's love.

- 3 God calms the tumult and the storm,  
He rules the seraph and the worm :  
No creature is by him forgot,  
Of those who know or know him not.
- 4 And when the last dread hour shall come,  
While shuddering nature waits her doom,  
This voice shall wake the pious dead,  
'Lo, it is I, be not afraid.'

**19.**                      L. M.                      KEBLE.

*'Abide with us, for it is towards Evening.'*

- 1 'Tis gone, that bright and orb'd blaze,  
Fast fading from our wistful gaze ;  
Yon mantling cloud has hid from sight  
The last faint pulse of quivering light.
- 2 Sun of my soul! thou Saviour dear!  
It is not night if thou be near:  
O may no earth-born cloud arise  
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.
- 3 When the soft dews of kindly sleep  
My wearied eyelids gently steep,  
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest  
For ever on my Saviour's breast.
- 4 Abide with me from morn till eve,  
For without thee I cannot live ;  
Abide with me when night is nigh,  
For without thee I dare not die.

**20.**                      L. M.                      DODDRIDGE.

*'Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.'*

- 1 COME, our indulgent Saviour, come,  
Illustrious conqueror o'er the tomb ;  
Here thine assembled servants bless,  
And fill our hearts with sacred peace.

- 2 O come thyself, most gracious Lord,  
 With all the joy thy smiles afford ;  
 Reveal the lustre of thy face,  
 And make us feel thy vital grace.
- 3 Enter our hearts, Redeemer blest ;  
 Enter, thou ever-honored guest,  
 Not for one transient hour alone,  
 But there to fix thy lasting throne.
- 4 Own this mean dwelling as thy home ;  
 And, when our life's last hour is come,  
 Let us but die, as in thy sight,  
 And death shall vanish in delight.

21 .

L. M.

WATTS.

*Love to God and our Neighbor.*

- 1 'THUS saith the first, the great command,  
 Let all thy inward powers unite  
 To love thy Maker and thy God  
 With utmost vigor and delight.
- 2 'Then shall thy neighbor next in place  
 Share thine affection and esteem ;  
 And let thy kindness to thyself  
 Measure and rule thy love to him.'
- 3 This is the sense that Moses spoke,  
 This did the prophets preach and prove ;  
 For want of this the law is broke,  
 And the whole law's fulfilled by love.
- 4 But oh ! how base our passions are !  
 How cold our charity and zeal !  
 Lord, fill our souls with heavenly fire,  
 Or we shall ne'er perform thy will.

22.

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MONTGOMERY.

*A Sinner imploring Mercy.—Ps. 69.*

- 1 GOD, be merciful to me,  
 For my spirit trusts in thee,



And to thee, her refuge, springs ;  
 Be the shadow of thy wings  
 Round the trembling sinner cast,  
 Till the storm is overpast.

- 2 Poor and sorrowful am I ;  
 Set me, O my God, on high ;  
 Wonders thou for me hast wrought ;  
 Nigh to death my soul is brought ;  
 Save me, Lord, in mercy save,  
 Lest I sink below the grave.

**23.** L. M. MONTGOMERY.

*Confession and Prayer.*—Ps. 51.

- 1 HAVE mercy on me, O my God,  
 In loving kindness hear my prayer ;  
 Withdraw the terror of thy rod ;  
 Lord, in thy tender mercy spare.
- 2 A perfect heart in me create,  
 Renew my soul in innocence ;  
 Cast not the suppliant from thy gate  
 Nor take thine holy Spirit hence.
- 3 Thy consolations, as of old,  
 Now to my troubled mind restore ;  
 By thy free Spirit's might uphold  
 And guide my steps, to fall no more.
- 4 The broken heart in sacrifice,  
 Alone may thine acceptance meet :  
 My heart, O God, do not despise,  
 Broken and contrite, at thy feet.

**24.** L. M. WATTS.

*Confession and Pardon.*—Ps. 32.

- 1 WHILE I keep silence, and conceal  
 My heavy guilt within my heart,  
 What torments doth my conscience feel !  
 What agonies of inward smart !

- 2 I spread my sins before the Lord,  
 And all my secret faults confess ;  
 Thy gospel speaks a pardoning word,  
 Thy holy Spirit seals the grace.
- 3 For this shall every humble soul  
 Make swift addresses to thy seat :  
 When floods of huge temptation roll,  
 There shall they find a blest retreat.
- 4 How safe beneath thy wings I lie,  
 When days grow dark, and storms appear !  
 And when I walk, thy watchful eye  
 Shall guide me safe from every snare.

**25.**

P. M.

Bp. HEBER.

*Joy in Heaven.*

- 1 **THERE** was joy in Heaven !  
 There was joy in Heaven !  
 When this goodly world to frame  
 The Lord of might and mercy came :  
 Shouts of joy were heard on high,  
 And the stars sang from the sky—  
 ‘Glory to God in Heaven !’
- 2 There was joy in Heaven !  
 There was joy in Heaven !  
 When the billows, heaving dark,  
 Sank around the stranded ark,  
 And the rainbow’s watery span  
 Spake of mercy, hope to man,  
 And peace with God in Heaven !
- 3 There was joy in heaven !  
 There was joy in heaven !  
 When of love the midnight beam  
 Dawned on the towers of Bethlehem ;  
 And along the echoing hill  
 Angels sang—‘On earth, good will,  
 And glory in the heaven.’

- 4 There is joy in Heaven!  
 There is joy in Heaven!  
 When the sheep that went astray  
 Turns again to virtue's way;  
 When the soul, by grace subdued,  
 Sobs its prayer of gratitude  
 Then is there joy in Heaven!

28.

L. M.

WESLEY.

*Fervent Devotion.*—Ps. 63.

- 1 O God, my God, my all thou art!  
 Ere shines the dawn of rising day,  
 Thy sovereign light within my heart  
 Thy all-enlivening power display.
- 2 More dear than life itself, thy love  
 My heart and tongue shall still employ;  
 And to declare thy praise will prove  
 My peace, my glory, and my joy.
- 3 In blessing thee with grateful songs  
 My happy life shall glide away;  
 The praise that to thy name belongs,  
 Hourly with lifted hands I'll pay.
- 5 In all I do I feel thine aid;  
 Therefore thy greatness will I sing,  
 O God, who bid'st my heart be glad,  
 Beneath the shadow of thy wing.

29.

L. M.

61.

WESLEY.

*Helpless, yet Happy.*

- 1 O THOU, whose wise, paternal love  
 Hath brought my active vigor down,  
 Thy choice I thankfully approve,  
 And, prostrate at thy gracious throne,  
 I offer up my life's remains,  
 I choose the state my God ordains.

- 2 Cast, as a broken vessel by,  
 Thy will I can no longer do ;  
 Yet while a daily death I die,  
 Thy power I may in weakness show,  
 My patience may thy glory raise,  
 My speechless wo proclaim thy praise.

**30.**      L. M.      61.      MME. GUION.

*Surrender of the Soul.*

- 1 PEACE has unveiled her smiling face,  
 And woos thy soul to her embrace ;  
 Enjoyed with ease, if thou refrain  
 From earthly love, else sought in vain ;  
 She dwells with all who truth prefer,  
 But seeks not them who seek not her.
- 2 Yield to the Lord, with simple heart,  
 All that thou hast, and all thou art ;  
 Renounce all strength, but strength divine,  
 And peace shall be forever thine ;  
 Behold the path the saints have trod,  
 The path which led them home to God.

**31.**      7s M.      61.      J. NEWTON.

*The Child of God.*

- 1 QUIET, Lord, my froward heart,  
 Make me teachable and mild ;  
 Upright, simple, free from art,  
 Make me as a weaned child :  
 From distrust and envy free,  
 Pleased with all that pleases thee.
- 2 What thou shalt to-day provide,  
 Let me as a child receive ;  
 What to-morrow may betide,  
 Calmly to thy wisdom leave :  
 'Tis enough that thou wilt care ;  
 Why should I the burden bear ?

- 3 As a little child relies  
 On a care beyond his own ;  
 Knows he 's neither strong nor wise ;  
 Fears to stir a step alone ;  
 Let me thus with thee abide,  
 As my Father, Guard, and Guide.
- 4 Thus preserved from worldly wiles,  
 Safe from dangers, free from fears,  
 May I live upon thy smiles,  
 Till the promised hour appears,  
 When the sons of God shall prove  
 All their Father's boundless love.

**32.**

C. M.

WATTS.

*Prayer and Hope.—Ps. 76.*

- 1 SOON as I heard my Father say,  
 'Ye children, seek my grace ;'  
 My heart replied without delay,  
 'I'll seek my Father's face.'
- 2 Let not thy face be hid from me,  
 Nor frown my soul away ;  
 God of my life, I fly to thee  
 In a distressing day.
- 3 Should friends and kindred near and dear  
 Leave me to want or die,  
 My God would make my life his care,  
 And all my need supply.
- 4 My fainting flesh had died with grief,  
 Had not my soul believed  
 To see thy grace provide relief ;  
 Nor was my hope deceived.
- 5 Wait on the Lord, ye trembling saints,  
 And keep your courage up ;  
 He'll raise your spirit when it faints,  
 And far exceed your hope.

**33.** 10 & 11s M. WESLEY.*God will Provide.*

- 1 THE earth is the Lord's, and all it contains ;  
The truth of his word forever remains ;  
The saints have a mountain of blessings in him,  
His grace is the fountain, his peace is the stream.
- 2 To him our request we now have made known,  
Who sees what is best for each of his own :  
Our heathenish care, we cast it aside !  
He heareth the prayer, and he will provide.

**34.** L. M. WATTS.*A Sight of God mortifies us to the World.*

- 1 UP to the fields, where angels lie,  
And living waters gently roll,  
Fain would my thoughts leap out and fly,  
But sin hangs heavy on my soul.
- 2 Had I a glance of thee, my God,  
Kingdoms and men would vanish soon ;  
Vanish, as though I saw them not,  
As a dim candle dies at noon.
- 3 Then they might fight, and rage, and rave,  
I should perceive the noise no more  
Than we can hear a shaking leaf  
While rattling thunders round us roar.
- 4 Great ALL in ALL, eternal King,  
Let me but view thy lovely face,  
And all my powers shall bow, and sing  
Thine endless grandeur and thy grace.

**35.** C. M. WATTS.*A Saint prepared to Die.*

- 1 DEATH may dissolve my body now,  
And bear my spirit home ;

- Why do my minutes move so slow,  
Nor my salvation come?
- 2 With heavenly weapons I have fought  
The battles of the Lord,  
Finished my course, and kept the faith,  
And wait the sure reward.
- 3 God has laid up in heaven for me  
A crown which cannot fade ;  
The righteous Judge, at that great day,  
Shall place it on my head.
- 4 Nor hath the King of grace decreed  
This prize for me alone ;  
But all that love and long to see  
The appearance of his Son.

**36.**

C. M.

WATTS.

*Sick-bed Devotion.*—Ps. 29.

- 1 GOD of my life, look gently down,  
Behold the pains I feel ;  
But I am dumb before thy throne,  
Nor dare dispute thy will.
- 2 Diseases are thy servants, Lord ;  
They come at thy command ;  
I'll not attempt a murmuring word  
Against thy chastening hand.
- 3 I'm but a sojourner below,  
As all my fathers were ;  
May I be well prepared to go,  
When I the summons hear.
- 4 But if my life be spared awhile,  
Before my last remove,  
Thy praise shall be my business still,  
And I'll declare thy love.

37.

P. M.

WESLEY.

*Blessedness of the Holy Dead.*

- 1 How blest is our brother, bereft  
Of all that could burden his mind !  
How easy the soul, that has left  
This wearisome body behind !  
Of evil incapable thou,  
Whose relics with envy I see,  
No longer in misery now,  
No longer a sinner like me.
- 2 This earth is affected no more  
With sickness, nor shaken with pain ;  
The war in the members is o'er,  
And never shall vex him again ;  
No anger henceforward, nor shame,  
Shall redden his innocent clay,  
Extinct is the animal flame,  
And passion is vanished away.
- 3 This languishing head is at rest,  
Its thinking and aching are o'er ;  
This quiet immoveable breast  
Is heaved by affliction no more ;  
This heart is no longer the seat  
Of trouble, and torturing pain,  
It ceases to flutter and beat,  
It never shall flutter again.
- 4 The lids he so seldom could close,  
By sorrow forbidden to sleep,  
Now sealed in their mortal repose,  
Have strangely forgotten to weep ;  
The fountains can yield no supplies,  
These hollows from water are free ;  
The tears are all wiped from these eyes,  
And evil they never shall see.



38.

L. M.

WATTS.

*Man's Mortality, and God's Eternity.*

- 1 IT is the Lord our Father's hand  
Weakens our strength amidst the race ;  
Disease and death, at his command,  
Arrest us and cut short our days.
- 2 Spare us, O Lord, aloud we pray,  
Nor let our sun go down at noon ;  
Thy years are one eternal day,  
And must thy children die so soon ?
- 3 Yet in the midst of death and grief,  
This thought our sorrow shall assuage :  
'Our Father and our Saviour live ;  
God is the same through every age.'
- 4 'Twas he this earth's foundation laid :  
Heaven is the building of his hand ;  
This earth grows old, these heavens shall fade,  
And all be changed at his command.
- 5 The starry curtains of the sky,  
Like garments, shall be laid aside ;  
But still thy throne stands firm and high :  
Thy church forever must abide.
- 6 Before thy face thy church shall live,  
And on thy throne thy children reign ;  
This dying world shall they survive,  
And the dead saints be raised again.

39.

L. M. 6l.

BP. HEBER.

*Unspeakable Glories of Heaven.*

- 1 I PRAISED the earth, in beauty seen  
With garlands gay of various green ;  
I praised the sea whose ample field  
Shone glorious as a silver shield ;  
And earth and ocean seemed to say  
'Our beauties are but for a day !'

- 2 I praised the sun, whose chariot rolled  
 On wheels of amber and of gold ;  
 I praised the moon, whose softer eye  
 Gleamed sweetly through the summer sky !  
 And moon and sun in answer said,  
 ' Our days of light are numbered !'
- 3 O God ! O Good beyond compare !  
 If thus thy meaner works are fair !  
 If thus thy bounties gild the span  
 Of ruined earth and sinful man,  
 How glorious must the mansion be  
 Where thy redeemed shall dwell with thee !

**40.** C. M. MONTGOMERY.

*The Family Altar.*

- 1 FOOD, raiment, dwelling, health and friends,  
 Thou, Lord, hast made our lot ;  
 With thee our bliss begins and ends,  
 As we are thine, or not.
- 2 For these we bend the humble knee,  
 Our thankful spirits bow ;  
 Yet from thy gifts we turn to thee ;  
 Be thou our portion—THOU !

**41.** 8 & 7s. M. C. WESLEY.

*For Domestic Worship.*

- 1 PEACE be to this habitation ;  
 Peace to all that dwell therein ;  
 Peace, the earnest of salvation ;  
 Peace, the fruit of pardoned sin ;  
 Peace, that speaks the heavenly Giver,  
 Peace, to worldly minds unknown ;  
 Peace divine, that lasts forever ;  
 Peace, that comes from God alone.
- 2 Jesus, Prince of Peace, be near us,  
 Fix in all our hearts thy home ;

With thy gracious presence cheer us ;  
 Let thy sacred kingdom come ;  
 Raise to heaven our expectation,  
 Give our favored souls to prove  
 Glorious and complete salvation,  
 In the realms of bliss above.

**42.** C. M. WATTS.

*Pious Education of Children.—Ps. 78.*

- 1 LET children hear the mighty deeds  
 Which God performed of old ;  
 Which in our younger years we saw,  
 And which our fathers told.
- 2 He bids us make his glories known ;  
 His works of power and grace ;  
 And we'll convey his wonders down,  
 Through every rising race.
- 3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons,  
 And they again to theirs ;  
 That generations yet unborn  
 May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 Thus shall they learn in God alone  
 Their hope securely stands ;  
 That they may ne'er forget his works,  
 But practise his commands.

**43.** C. M. CHRISTIAN PSALMIST.

*The Sabbath. In the Family.*

- 1 Now may the Spirit's holy fire,  
 Descending from above,  
 His waiting family inspire  
 With joy, and peace, and love.
- 2 Wake, heavenly wind, arise, and come,  
 Blow on the drooping field ;  
 Our spices then shall breathe perfume,  
 And fragrant incense yield.

- 3 Touch with a living coal the lip  
That shall proclaim thy word,  
And bid us all devoutly keep  
Attention to the Lord.

**44.** C. M. C. WESLEY.

*The Sabbath. Private Prayers.*

MAY I throughout this day of thine  
Be in thy Spirit, Lord ;  
Spirit of humble fear divine,  
That trembles at thy word ;  
Spirit of faith, my heart to raise  
And fix on things above ;  
Spirit of sacrifice and praise,  
Of holiness and love.

**45.** L. M. WATTS.

*The Church is the Garden of God.—Ps. 92.*

- 1 LORD, 'tis a pleasant thing to stand  
In gardens planted by thy hand ;  
Let me within thy courts be seen  
Like a young cedar, fresh and green.
- 2 There grow thy saints in faith and love,  
Blest with thine influence from above ;  
Not Lebanon, with all its trees,  
Yields such a comely sight as these.
- 3 The plants of grace shall ever live ;  
(Nature decays, but grace must thrive,)  
Time, that doth all things else impair,  
Still makes them flourish strong and fair.
- 4 Laden with fruits of age, they shew  
The Lord is holy, just and true ;  
None that attend his gates shall find  
A God unfaithful or unkind.

**46.**            7s. M.            MONTGOMERY.*A Day in the Courts of the Lord.*

- 1 To thy temple I repair ;  
Lord, I love to worship there ;  
Abba ! Father ! give me grace,  
In thy courts to seek thy face.
- 2 While thy glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless  
Thee, the Lord my righteousness.
- 3 While the prayers of saints ascend,  
God of love, to mine attend ;  
Hear me, for thy Spirit pleads,  
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 4 While I hearken to thy law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe,  
Till thy gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.
- 5 While thy ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in thy name,  
Through their voice, by faith may I  
Hear thee speaking from the sky.
- 6 From thy house, when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
—I have walked with God to-day.

**47.**            C. M.            WATTS.*The Church is our Delight and Safety.—Ps. 27.*

- 1 THE Lord of glory is my light,  
And my salvation too ;  
God is my strength, nor will I fear  
What all my foes can do.

- 2 One privilege my heart desires :  
 O! grant me an abode  
 Among the churches of thy saints,  
 The temples of my God.
- 3 There shall I offer my requests,  
 And see thy beauty still ;  
 Shall hear thy messages of love,  
 And there inquire thy will.
- 4 When troubles rise and storms appear,  
 There may his children hide ;  
 God has a strong pavilion, where  
 He makes my soul abide.

**48.** C. M. MONTGOMERY.

*What is Prayer ?*

- 1 PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,  
 Uttered or unexpressed ;  
 The motion of a hidden fire,  
 That trembles in the breast.
- 2 Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
 That infant lips can try ;  
 Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach  
 The Majesty on high.
- 3 The saints in prayer appear as one  
 In word and deed, and mind ;  
 While with the Father, and the Son,  
 Sweet fellowship they find.
- 4 O thou by whom we come to God,  
 The life, the truth, the way,  
 The path of prayer thyself hast trod ;  
 Lord, teach us how to pray.

**49.** C. M. ANONYMOUS.

*A Child's Prayer.*

- 1 LORD, teach a little child to pray,  
 And O accept my prayer !

Thou canst hear all the words I say,  
For thou art everywhere.

- 2 A little sparrow cannot fall  
Unnoticed, Lord, by thee ;  
And though I am so young and small,  
Thou dost take care of me.
- 3 Teach me to do whate'er is right,  
And when I sin, forgive ;  
And make it still my chief delight  
To love thee while I live.

**50.** C. M. ANONYMOUS.

*A Child's Prayer.*

- 1 LORD, may I ne'er in youth be led  
In sin's dark path to stray,  
But may I early learn to tread  
In wisdom's pleasant way.
- 2 What sorrows may my steps attend  
I never can foretell ;  
But since my Maker is my friend,  
I know that all is well.
- 3 Father, whatever grief or ill  
For me may be in store,  
Make me submissive to thy will,  
And I would ask no more.
- 4 Then still as seasons hasten by,  
I will for heaven prepare ;  
That God may take me when I die,  
To be for ever there.

**51.** L. M. ANONYMOUS.

*Sunday Morning. For a Child.*

- 1 CALLED by the Sabbath bells away,  
Unto thy holy temple, Lord,  
I'll go, with willing mind to pray,  
To praise thy name, and hear thy word.

2 O sacred day of peace and joy,  
 Thy hours are ever dear to me ;  
 Ne'er may a sinful thought destroy  
 The holy calm I find in thee.

3 Dear are thy peaceful hours to me,  
 For God has given them in his love,  
 To tell how calm, how blest shall be  
 The endless day of heaven above.

**52.**            L. M.            ANONYMOUS.

*Sunday Evening. For a Child.*

1 AGAIN we've seen the Sabbath day,  
 And heard of Jesus and of heaven ;  
 We thank thee, Father, and we pray  
 That this day's sins may be forgiven.

2 May all we heard and understood  
 Be well remembered through the week,  
 And help to make us wise and good,  
 More humble, diligent, and meek.

**53.**            C. M.            ANONYMOUS.

*The Orphan's Hymn.*

1 WHERE shall the child of sorrow find  
 A place for calm repose ?  
 Thou Father of the fatherless,  
 Pity the orphan's woes !

2 What friend have I in heaven or earth,  
 What friend to trust but thee ?  
 My father's dead, my mother's dead ?  
 My God, remember me !

3 Thy gracious promise now fulfil,  
 And bid my trouble cease ;  
 In thee the fatherless shall find  
 Pure mercy, grace, and peace.



**54.** C. M. WATTS.

*A Psalm of Deliverance in Distress.—Ps. 40.*

- 1 I WAITED patient for the Lord ;  
He bowed to hear my cry ;  
He saw me resting on his word,  
And brought salvation nigh.
- 2 Firm on a rock he made me stand,  
And taught my cheerful tongue  
To praise the wonders of his hand,  
In a new thankful song.
- 3 How many are thy thoughts of love !  
Thy mercies, Lord, how great !  
We have not words, nor hours enough,  
Their numbers to repeat.
- 4 When I'm afflicted, poor and low,  
And light and peace depart,  
My God beholds my heavy wo,  
And bears me on his heart.

**55.** L. M. DODDRIDGE.

*For a New Year.*

- 1 GOD of my life, thy constant care  
With blessings crowns each opening year ;  
This mortal life dost thou prolong,  
And wake anew mine annual song.
- 2 How many precious souls are fled  
To the vast regions of the dead,  
Since from this day the changing sun  
Through his last yearly period run !
- 3 We yet survive ; but who can say,  
Or through the year, or month, or day,  
'I will retain this vital breath ;  
Thus far at least in league with death ?'

- 4 That breath is thine, Eternal God ;  
 'Tis thine to fix my soul's abode ;  
 It holds its life from thee alone,  
 On earth, or in the world unknown.
- 5 To thee our spirits we resign ;  
 Make them and own them still as thine ;  
 So shall they smile, secure from fear,  
 Though death should blast the rising year.
- 6 Thy children, ready to be gone,  
 Bid time's impetuous tide roll on,  
 And land them on that blooming shore,  
 Where years and death are known no more.

**56.**

C. M.

ANONYMOUS.

*For a New Year.*

- 1 Behold ! another year begins  
 Its little round to-day ;  
 Be it a year of grief or joy,  
 It soon will pass away.
- 2 Now let us heed the solemn voice  
 Of years already past,  
 And then our souls shall have no fear,  
 Though this should be our last.

**57.**

C. M. 61.

CONDER.

*On the Sea Shore.*

- 1 BEYOND, beyond that boundless sea,  
 Above that dome of sky,  
 Farther than thought itself can flee,  
 Thy dwelling is on high :  
 Yet, dear the awful thought to me,  
 That thou, my God, art nigh.
- 2 We hear thy voice, when thunders roll  
 Through the wide fields of air ;  
 The waves obey thy dread control ;  
 Yet still thou art not there.

Where shall I find him, O my soul,  
Who yet is everywhere ?

- 5 O, not in circling depth, or height,  
But in the conscious breast,  
Present to faith, though veiled from sight,  
There does his spirit rest.  
O come, thou Presence Infinite,  
And make thy creature blest.

**58.** L. M. ANONYMOUS.

*Hymn at Sea.*

- 1 OH Thou, who bid'st these ocean-streams  
Their primal bounds and limits keep ;  
Who lay'st thy temple's starry beams  
Unshaken on the mighty deep ;
- 2 Conduct us o'er the trackless waste  
That spurns the print of human feet,  
But where thy presence may be traced  
In every wind and wave we meet !
- 3 And as the liquid plains we rove,  
Should stormy winds resistless blow,  
O save us from the flash above !  
O spare us from the gulf below !
- 4 But teach us,—more than all the rest,—  
To bow submissive to thy will,  
In all thy tender mercies blest,  
In all thy judgments, patient still !
- 5 That when life's weary voyage is past,  
By favored gales or tempests driven,  
Our steadfast barks may gain at last  
Their wished-for port—their port in heaven.

**59.** L. M. BOWRING.

*Sleep.*

- 1 REVIVING sleep ! thy sheltering wing  
Is o'er the couch of labor spread ;

Sweet minister, unearthly thing,  
That hovers round the tired one's head.

2 As calm and cold as mortal clay  
When life is fled, earth soundly sleeps ;  
When evening veils the eye of day,  
And darkness rules the ocean deeps.

3 O then thy spirit, Lord, anew  
Enkindles strength in sleeping men ;  
It falls as falls the evening dew,  
And life's sad waste repairs again.

4 Be nature's gentle slumbers mine ;  
And lead me gently to the last ;  
Until I hear thy voice divine,  
'Awake ! for death's dark night is past.'

**60.**

S. M.

WESLEY.

*Self Dedication.*

1 LORD, in the strength of grace,  
With a glad heart and free,  
Myself, my residue of days,  
I consecrate to thee.

2 Thy ransomed servant I  
Restore to thee thine own ;  
And from this moment live or die,  
To serve my God alone.

**61.**

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BOWRING.

*Security of a Virtuous Course.*

1 HE who walks in virtue's way,  
Firm and fearless walketh surely ;  
Diligent while yet 'tis day,  
On he speeds, and speeds securely.

2 Flowers of peace beneath him grow,  
Suns of pleasure brighten o'er him ;  
Memory's joys behind him go,  
Hope's sweet angels fly before him.

- 3 Thus he moves from stage to stage,  
Smiles of earth and heaven attending;  
Softly sinking down in age,  
And through death to God ascending.

**62.** 7s M. WILLARD'S COLL.

*Peacemakers are Children of God.*

- 1 Lo, they come from east and west;  
Come to enjoy the heavenly rest:  
North and south, in bliss complete,  
Round the eternal altar meet.
- 2 Countless host! how great! how blessed!  
Wondrous joy, and peace, and rest!  
What shall fit us Lord, for this?  
Fit our souls for heavenly bliss?
- 3 Peace on earth and peace alone;  
Peace, which makes all churches one;  
Peace, the fruit of Christian love,  
Fits the soul for peace above.

**63.** C. P. M. H. WARE, JUN.

*Prayer at Morning and Evening.*

- 1 To prayer, to prayer; for the morning breaks,  
And earth in her Maker's smile awakes.  
His light is on all below and above,  
The light of gladness, and life, and love.  
O, then, on the breath of this early air,  
Send upward the incense of grateful prayer.
- 2 To prayer; for the glorious sun is gone,  
And the gathering darkness of night comes on.  
Like a curtain from God's kind hand it flows  
To shade the couch where his children repose.  
Then kneel, while the watching stars are bright,  
And give your last thoughts to the guardian of  
night.

**64.** L. M. W. BOSTON COLL.

*Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves.*

- 1 WHY weep for those, frail child of woe,  
Who've fled and left thee mourning here?  
Triumphant o'er their latest foe,  
They glory in a brighter sphere.
- 2 Weep not for them—beside thee now  
Perhaps they watch with guardian care,  
And witness tears that idly flow  
O'er those who bliss of angels share.
- 3 Or round their Father's throne, above,  
With raptured voice his praise they sing;  
Or on his messages of love  
They journey with unwearied wing.
- 4 Space cannot check, thought cannot bound  
The high exulting souls, whom he  
Who formed these million worlds around,  
Takes to his own eternity.
- 5 Weep, weep no more; their voices raise  
The song of triumph high to God;  
And, wouldst thou join their song of praise,  
Walk humbly in the path they trod.

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